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SUBJECT: EDUCATION MINISTRY REVEALS NEW STUDENT MILITARY
TRAINING PROGRAM

1. ON MAY 20, EDUCATION MINISTER YU KI-CHUN REVEALED
NEW MILITARY TRAINING PROGRAM FOR BOTH HIGH SCHOOL
AND COLLEGE STUDENTS, MALE AND FEMALE. PLAN WAS
ANNOUNCED AT MEETING OF DEANS AND PRESIDENTS OF NINETY-
EIGHT COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES.

2. BEGINNING SECOND SEMESTER 1975 (IN SEPTEMBER),
ALL STUDENTS WILL ENGAGE IN SOME FORM OF MILITARY
TRAINING. THIS TRAINING WILL INCLUDE SAEMAUL (NEW
VILLAGE MOVEMENT) ACTIVITIES AS WELL AS TRAINING
DESIGNED TO MAINTAIN PUBLIC ORDER AND REGIONAL DEFENSE
IN TIME OF WAR.

3. PERIODS OF DRILL FOR UNIVERSITY STUDENTS WILL BE
EXTENDED FROM TWO TO FOUR HOURS PER WEEK AND WILL
INCLUDE ALL STUDENTS EXCLUDING SENIORS BUT
INCLUDING RESERVISTS. IN ADDITION, ALL UNIVERSITY
STUDENTS WILL BE SUBJECT TO CONCENTRATED MILITARY
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TRAINING FOR TEN DAYS AT A MILITARY CAMP DURING

THEIR FRESHMAN YEAR AND THESE STUDENTS WILL THEN
BE ORGANIZED INTO QUASI-MILITARY UNITS. STUDENTS
WHO HAVE COMPLETED THIS UNIVERSITY MILITARY TRAINING
WILL THEN HAVE THEIR REGULAR MILITARY OBLIGATION
SHORTENED BY SIX MONTHS.

4. COMMENT: STUDENT MILITARY TRAINING IS ONE MORE
ELEMENT IN ROKG ATTEMPT TO BOLSTER SECURITY PREPARATIONS
AMONG POPULACE AND TO EMPHASIZE THREAT FROM NORTH.
OTHERS INCLUDE "DEFENSE FUND" TO WHICH BUSINESSES
"VOLUNTARILY" CONTRIBUTING AND SIGNS GOING UP AROUND
CITY PROCLAIMING ROK READINESS TO DEFEND COUNTRY "TO
THE DEATH."
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